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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE THREAT ON LIFE OF MARIO CARDINAL CASARIEGO -
ARCHBISHOP OF GUATEMALA

1. MARIO CARDINAL CASARIEGO, ARCHBISHOP OF GUATEMALA
WILL DEPART GUATEMALA MAY 4, 1975 ON PAN AM 542 FOR NEW
YORK AND DEPART NEW YORK MAY 8, 1975 VIA SHIP FOR NAPLES,
ITALY. CARDINAL WILL RESIDE IN NEW YORK AT PADRES
FRANCISCANOS, IGLESIA DE SAN ANTONIO, 147 THOMPSON
STREET, NEW YORK, TEL: 212 674 4388.

2. RECENTLY ONE GEORGE ZEMIRI, GUATEMALAN, AGE ABOUT 35,
WHILE VISITING NEW ORLEANS, LA., WAS OVERHEARD TO SAY
THAT CARDINAL CASARIEGO WAS MARKED FOR DEATH. THIS INFO
WAS PERSONALLY BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF AMB. BY CARDINAL
CASARIEGO. NO FURTHER DETAILS OF THREAT ARE KNOWN AND POST
FEELS ANY THREAT AGAINST CARDINAL
CASARIEGO WOULD LIKELY BE CARRIED OUT IN GUATEMALA. HOW-
EVER, POST BELIEVES IN VIEW OF THREAT, IT WOULD BE PRUDENT
FOR DEPARTMENT TO ADVISE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
AND REQUEST PROTECTION FOR CARDINAL CASARIEGO DURING VISIT.

3. FURTHER INFORMATION THIS MATTER IS BEING POUCHED
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